Unused Telecommunication Licenses

*66. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU :

SHRI GAYA SINGH :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 48 new licenses issued by Government in telecommunication are lying unused;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for delay in using these licenses and rectifying the hindrances;

(d) whether any action has been taken against the private operators for not using the licenses;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per the terms and conditions of the new licenses issued in telecommunications during last year (2001-2002), the licensee company gets a period of at least one year to fulfil the minimum roll out obligation. This time is given for the licensee company to get the various clearances before rolling out the services. So it cannot be said that the licenses are lying unused, as the period for start of roll out of service is not yet over.

(c) to (f) Do not arise in view of above.

Laying of Express Highway in Vishakhapatnam

*67. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether in order to de-congest traffic in the city of Vishakhapatnam the National Highways Authority has decided to lay an express highway from Convent junction to Ayyaappa Temple junction;

(b) if so, the cost thereof;

(c) whether more express ways are also proposed to be laid there; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As a part of the Port-Connectivity Programme, a four-lane link road is being developed. Cost of the civil works is Rs. 80 crores. The contract has been awarded and the project is scheduled to be completed by December, 2004.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Cancellation of Bisleri's Licence

*68. SHRI RAJU PARMAR :

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR :

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Bisleri to get back licence in a week" appearing in the Economic Times, New Delhi dated the 20th June, 2002;

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto and details of the case relating to the cancellation of licence of Bisleri by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS); and

(c) whether the experts from the BIS and other agencies would certify and undertake the quality of water of Bisleri plant before granting/renewing its licence and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) cancelled the Licence No. CM/L-8428381 for Packaged Drinking Water of M/s. Delhi Bisleri Company